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"Idea of Service Leads To Community."-----*Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Architect*

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President's Message

"CARPE DIEM"

"Carpe diem", seize the day, is an often used aphorism from ancient Roman poet Horace. Many people leave out or forget the other part to the other part which is: "Quam minimum credula postero", put little trust in the future. Horace's advice for everyone is to do all one can do today to make the future better. Ultimately one shouldn't ignore the future but one shouldn't trust everything is going to fall in place without taking action for the future today.

The implication for numismatics is that everyone needs to do all they can to be proactive in the hobby today. Sitting on the sidelines and waiting for someone else to make things isn't going to help the hobby. I've been to club meetings where only a handful of members attend. Of those attendees, few are actively participating. The rest sit on the sidelines watching, socializing, and/or waiting for the free snacks

Last year's NCNA seminar suggest ways of addressing the problems of declining membership and attendance. Many good ideas were presented to advance the hobby and increase participation. The key takeaway was "**participation**" or how to get the membership involved.

This year's seminar, ***"Collecting In Today's World"***, will present speakers with local, regional and national perspectives.

On the next pages, our Editor, who doubles as the Seminar Coordinator, has the details, names of presenters, for this ***'Collecting In Today's World'***. It would be well-worth your time, and the betterment of your hobby, to attend the whole day event, this September 16, 2017.

I would welcome the opportunity to greet and to talk with our Association's members during pauses in the Seminar, listening to their comments.

Do not forget written nominations for the honored *'Miller Medal'*; deadline is June 30, 2017.

Lloyd G. Chan

'Doctor' Chan, President

MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

A few months back, Frank Villalon, well-known northern California coin dealer who has relocated further north, passed through someone to Your Editor two Hefty One Zip plastic bags filled with assorted ephemera, yellow, dusty, and fragile with age, from the once prominent and successful 'Hayward Area Coin Club', founded in 1958, and now long gone.

When Your Editor crossed the threshold of involvement, and service, to our Association, back in those youthful and halcyon early days of his life, there was a regular attendee at our Association's then quarterly Board of Directors Meetings named Care Winton.

Carl was a simple person, not pretension and always positive. What happened to him is lost to time. But, his presence was one of involvement and service.

Why Carl is mentioned is that he, as best as he might, sustained the remains of the once prominent and successful 'Hayward Area Coin Club'. Now, both he and the Club are gone.

So, this Club few remains, and its long-gone members, are now deposited into two dirty Hefty One Zip plastic bags, which shall be soon sent to the American Numismatic Association (ANA) archives.

We cannot go back, and we cannot dwell on the past. The past is done. Yet, we can remember, and respect, that those before us, like the once 'Hayward Area Coin Club', poured the foundation and erected our 'world of money' structure that we enjoy today.

Across northern and southern California are buried several local coin clubs once active, alive, and advancing our 'world of money' hobby at its grass-roots, in the trenches, local communities. A listing of names and dates needs not be repeated here. To those who arose from those now forgotten local coin clubs and to those who today labor and live our 'world of money' hobby, and its local organized numismatics, they need to remember.

There are more than these two Hefty One Zip plastic bags: it is the history and people of our 'world of money' now destined to preserve in an appropriate archive, for some future researcher or scholar or inquiring individual. Yes, it is the preservation; but, the remembrance is *the* purpose.

Over the past nearly four decades in these Mintmaster's Quill, Your Editor has rambled on this theme, and he shall not cease to remind, and to remember.

Ending, let these words discovered on the Internet be our teacher: "*Success Follows Those Adept At Preserving The Substance Of the Past By Clothing It In The Forms Of The Future.*"

Rappelez-vous, amusez-vous avec vos Loisirs! Servez toujours les autres! Profitez de votre collection! Et, créer de l'espoir et de faire le bien! (*Practicing My Learning French!*)

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

2017 Dues

The membership and mailing labels have been updated, and as is typical, our Association had a few members, both Individual and Clubs, fail to renew.

***To Those Who Renewed or Renewed A Few Years In-Advance: THANKS! ***

Your continued membership sustains our Association and its commitments to advance and to enhance organized numismatics and our 'world of money' hobby around northern California.

2016 Miller Medal

Nominations are now open for the 2017 'Miller Award' and are submitted directly to **President Lloyd G. Chan** at 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Deadline is June 30, 2017.

The procedure requires written and supported nominations, and the deadline date is mandatory.

Adhering to the Policy governing this coveted honor, Executive Officers are prevented from submitting nominations; therefore, the burden for nominations rests with our members, Individual and Clubs. Club Members, in the name of their respective local coin club, may submit nominations.

Following past practice, the honoree(s)----up to two 'Miller Medals' may be bestowed each calendar year----are usually presented and recognized at the Joint Christmas Party of the Fairfield Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society; this year scheduled for Second Saturday evening, December 9, 2017, in Vallejo, California, at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum.

Donnell Award

This Award, specific to local Club Members (a coin club must be a Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) member) is available. Requests, in writing, are directly to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410' or at EMPERORI@juno.com. Only written requests, with specifics, are honored. The request must include the full proper name of the individual and the date to be bestowed. Retroactive awards are not allowed.

While presently there is no charge for 'Donnell Awards', these are limited to a two (2) maximum per calendar year per requesting Club Member, and a nominal donation of \$15.00 per award would be appreciated, covering the engraving and preparation as well as any mailing and handling. *Note:* The Awards Coordinator for our Association is Your Editor and Treasurer.

Coin Show Schedule

The single most useful and popular of NCNA's services, the latest Coin Show Schedule has been included with this issue, and Club Members may request complimentary copies to distribute and to share among their members or at a local coin club's show. Contact Your Editor.

Depending on date request was received, at least fifty (50) copies would be provided, in gratis.

Fourth Annual
CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC SEMINAR

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum

734 Marin, at Capital in downtown, Vallejo, California

Registration Opens: 9:00 AM

Theme: *'Collecting In Today's World'*

FREE Admission and Museum Open To All Attendees!

Door Prizes, Too!

The theme is an outgrowth of the discussions generated during prior three Seminars, and it is reflective of the concerns among several prominent numismatic leaders and advocates not just around northern California but also nationally.

To this end, NCNA is proud to announce the following confirmed presenters:

Paul R. Johnson, *Executive Secretary, Royal Canadian Numismatic Association, from Unionville, Ontario, Canada*

Robert E. Luna, *from Benicia, California*

Roger Lyles, *from Fremont, California, and*

David C. Harper, *Editor and Publisher, NUMISMATIC NEWS, from Iola, Wisconsin*

Updates would be posted on www.solanocoinclub.com, and the May 2017 NCNA HEADS AND TALES shall have provide other specifics. Door Prizes and a simple on-site lunch service would be added to the all-day Seminar. The May 2017 NCNA HEADS AND TALES would have a 'pre-registration form'. In addition, it is anticipated the four presenters would be videoed.

Our Association is proud that these four devoted and recognized coin celebrants have accepted and are preparing insights about 'how to collect', particularly as the traditional 'fill the album holes' has become difficult and certainly expensive!

The four presenters offer an excellent balance and broad perspective as to our hobby plus methods and ideas to assembling collections or 'filling album pages'. As with the prior three Seminars, the information and knowledge learned is well-worth the time, travel, and traffic to attend.

2017 Seminar Patron

Continuing the successful 'Patron' program and appeal from the prior Seminars, your Association seeks and solicits 'Patrons' at these two (2) levels:

GOLD MINER	\$100.00	Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgment Certificate Name Posted At Seminar Engraved 'Token of Esteem'
PROSPECTOR	\$50.00	Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgement Certificate Name Posted At Seminar

It is hoped this generous support would build the Association's Treasury and insure solid financial funding for future Seminars.

'Patrons' are now being accepted and should be mailed to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Include your name and responding contact. All 'Patrons' would be recognized at and during the September 16, 2017 Seminar.

Note: Those 'Patrons' at the 'Gold Miner' level would be generously matched, by a 'dear friend of NCNA', 'dollar for dollar': \$100.00 being doubled to \$200.00!

Next Board of Directors Meeting

As this May 2017 NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared and printed, the exact date and site for the Board of Directors Meeting has not been determined. Meeting during local coin club shows has not been advantageous, and there is the factor of time and travel, as well as traffic

'Jon-Maria Marish/O.L. Wallis Legacy Fund'

A special fund has been created in respect and in remembrance for two active northern California coin celebrants. As the request of Dr. Jon-Maria Marish, who is battling severe health and terminal issues, the fund would be dedicated to *'assisting and aiding numismatic education, including youth activities'*.

So far, cash donations have been received, plus **Donald L. Hill and Earlene Millier, Your Editor**, and the **Redwood Empire (Santa Rosa, California) Coin Club** have pledged significant amounts.

As this Legacy Fund is still embryonic, input and ideas are welcomed. A potential committee or governing authority is possible, and participation would be invited.

All Donations Would Be acknowledged (or may be anonymous). Mail donations directly to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410.

Stop me if you've heard these: "The hobby is dying!" or "Young people are more interested in their phones." or "People aren't joiners anymore." or "We're just dying off." Whether we're talking about stamps, coins, or any collectible, I've heard the same thing about why organized groups have been losing members. The world has changed in the last twenty years, while organized collectible groups have not. The result is an aging and shrinking member base.

Collecting is alive and well. Take vinyl records for instance, 2015 sales reached \$416 million, the highest since 1988. In 2016, David Sax penned "The Revenge of Analog: Real Things and Why They Matter" which explores that, amid the digital age, tangible items are increasing popular as a break from all the noise around us. He argues that we will not return to the "good old days" but we have an opportunity to coexist. To do that, we do have to push for and accept change.

First, collectible groups should work more closely to advance the idea that collecting is fun. Since joining the American Philatelic Society, I have found some willing partners in the coin world, but it is slow going. Coin and stamp collectors believe the same thing: collecting is an intellectually stimulating hobby, creates community, and is a great stress reliever. Ultimately, it does not matter what someone collects, but that they collect.

Whether it's the local club level or the national organizations, we can do these things together:

1. Host a meeting of stamp and coin collectors. You'd be surprised how much you have in common!
2. Bring your dealers together for a show. You'll be able to better leverage your advertising, volunteers, and excitement.
3. Give each other space in your newsletter, journal, or website to promote similar collecting interests.
4. Develop an online promotion of collecting of all kinds to show people the positive benefits.

Doing the same things for the past two decades has not yielded great results. Let's bring more than a little change, let's bring a cultural change. I hope to see you at a stamp or coin club or show soon!

Scott English is the Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society, a member of the Northern California Numismatic Association and American Numismatic Association Member #3187909. He lives in Bellefonte, PA and can be reached at scott@stamps.org.

There are many ways for members to support the Fresno Numismatic Society (FNS). Here are just a few suggestions for getting involved!

1. **Attend the monthly meetings!** We have over 60 current members but on average only half that number show up. Be sure to put the dates on your calendar and put in an appearance. Re-connect with your fellow members and enjoy!
2. **Volunteer to give an educational presentation to the membership!** Every numismatist has a collection that is important and significant to him or her. See if you can put together a program that explains what makes that collection exciting for you. The rest of the membership shares your interests and would love to hear from you!
3. **Consider joining the Governing Board of FNS!** Board members collectively plan the club activities and programs. If you have ideas about how to improve our organization, getting on the Board is the way to get those ideas implemented. Board members also represent our potential pool for future FNS officers (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, auction coordinator, and editor). Eventually all officers will step down and we will need replacements to lead the next FNS administration. By joining the Board, you get on-the-job training on club operations, making you well-qualified for future services as an officer!
4. **Put up an exhibit at the next annual FNS Coin Show.** In 2016 the exhibit tables were pretty bare. I know our members have loads of coins and currency that could form some excellent exhibits. Get your creative juices flowing and show us what you can do!
5. **Take advantage of President Estes' Show and Tell activity during regular meetings.** Select some item of interest from your collection and stand up to describe what makes it interesting. I guarantee other club members will want to hear what you have to say. It's free, and President Estes even gives out a prize. What's not to like?
6. **Reach out to potential new members among your family, friends, and co-workers.** See if you can spark an interest and help create a new collector. Many people have old coins stashed in jars or piggy banks, perhaps mementos passed down from parents or grandparents. These people are all potential converts to numismatics.

As an aside, I was asked to give a numismatics presentation at a luncheon meeting of the North Fresno Lions Club in December. After my pitch to about 20 Lions at least five people came up to discuss how they had various stashes of coins and would like to learn about them. I gave them FNS contact information and invited them to attend our January club meeting. Hopefully some will show up. This was a perfect example of how potential collectors are out there, just waiting for an opportunity to spark their interest.

So, there are lots of ways to participate in your coin club. Please consider getting more involved. Enthusiasm is contagious and that is what we need to ensure we maintain a vibrant club. Let's get a little enthusiasm infection going, starting in January 2017!

My business travel schedule has been very heavy since November.

The pace will ease in the coming weeks, but that doesn't mean I will become invisible.

Right now I am working on arrangements for a trip out to California.

I have had an invitation from the Northern California Numismatic Association to participate in its fourth annual California Numismatic Seminar Sept. 16.

It will be held at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum.

Theme of this year's event is "Collecting in Today's World."

I have been asked to be one of four presentations on this topic.

I look forward to digging into it and answering questions collectors might have.

There will also be a panel discussion to end the all-day seminar.

It will be moderated by Herbert Miles.

I had the honor of participating in the second annual seminar in 2015.

In that event, I was joined by Clifford Mishler.

We had a great time sharing our presentation with participants and answering numerous questions.

Mishler, who hired me in 1978, has been a keen observer of our hobby since the 1950s.

I feel like a latecomer in comparison.

But seminar organizer Michael S. "Stan" Turini wants me out there even without Mishler's participation.

Thanks, Stan, for the ego boost.

I know I will enjoy it.

If you live in the area, put this event on your schedule. The museum provides a wonderful facility for it.

A box lunch is served on premises. Mingling with the longtime collectors there is as educational in itself as any formal presentation.

As similar as collectors are, our hobby paths are also infinitely different.

The willingness to share with each other what we have learned is what makes seminar participants and attendees special.

Put Sept. 16 on your calendar. I would like to see you there.

As more details become available about the other presenters, I will be sure to let you know.

Buzz blogger Dave Harper has twice won the Numismatic Literary Guild Award for Best Blog and is editor of the weekly newspaper "Numismatic News."

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These Coin Show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a Coin Club Show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. If you would like a Commercial Show listed: you need to be a N.C.N.A. member for one free annual listing. Additional listings for Commercial shows are \$15 each. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

The joint website for the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society and Northern California Numismatic Association is: www.solanocoinclub.com and updated Show listings can be seen on this website!

- July 22-23, 2017 **FREMONT.** Fremont Coin Club 45th Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 8991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401 Fremont, Ca. 94538
- Aug. 13, 2017 **FAIRFIELD.** Fairfield Coin Club 28th Annual Coin Show, Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown) 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania.
Admission \$1, Free with flyer or card!
Bourse Coordinator: Bill Bartz 707-688-8014
- Sept. 15-17, 2017 **SANTA CLARA** CoinExpo Santa Clara: Coin, Currency, Stamp and Collectibles Show, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara.
Admission \$6, \$2 off with coupon. Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. Scott Griffin, P.O. Box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585 Ph: 415-601-8661 E Mail: scottgriff@hotmail.com
- Sept. 16, 2017 **VALLEJO.** The 4th Annual Northern California Numismatic Seminar, sponsored by The Northern California Numismatic Association. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 73 Marin Street at Capital, in Downtown Vallejo. Four speakers have been scheduled: David Harper of Numismatic News, Paul R. Johnson, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, Robert E. Luna, Benicia, Ca and Roger Lyles, Fremont, Ca. The "theme" for this year is "Collecting In Today's World" Registration for this all day event begins at 9AM with presentations beginning at 10AM; the afternoon program begins at 2PM. This is a "FREE" event and there will be free door prizes and all interested collectors are welcome to attend. Ample free parking is available.
Updates: www.solanocoinclub.com.
Questions: EMPERORI@juno.com or 707-246-6327
- Oct. 13-15, 2017 **WALNUT CREEK.** Diablo Numismatic Society 20th Annual Contra Costa Coin & Collectibles Show, Elk's Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek CA 94520.
Admission \$3, 12 and under free, Free parking.
Info: Larry Casagrande 925-683-1180 Bourse: James Laird 925-200-2276
- Oct. 21-22, 2017 **STOCKTON.** Delta Coin Club 52nd Annual Coin Show, Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, CA. 95205.
Phone (209) 982-5961, E Mail: rubensmith@hotmail.com
- Nov. 5, 2017 **SAN JOSE.** Peninsula Coin Club 38th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Peninsula Coin Club, Xan Chamberlain, P.O. Box 915, Palo Alto, Ca. 94302.
Phone: (650) 776-7365. E Mail: xanno@pacbell.net
- May 6, 2018 **VALLEJO.** Vallejo Numismatic Society 46th Annual Show, Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia and Florida), Vallejo. Admission and parking are FREE! Bourse: Edwin Hoffmark, Jr., P O Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0428
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